

PROCLAMATION

NORTH DAKOTA 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II VICTORY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 11, 2015

NORTH DAKOTA 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II VICTORY RECOGNITION DAY

OCTOBER 10, 2015

WHEREAS, the year 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II (WWII); and

WHEREAS, 16 million men and women served in the U.S. military during WWII; and

WHEREAS, 58,709 men and 1,570 women from North Dakota served in the U.S. military, with 1,939 of those men and women making the ultimate sacrifice, and hundreds more being wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans remained united on the homefront, leading the nation in war bond sales, food production and recycling for the war effort; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota WWII Victory Celebration period will begin on September 2, 2015, to commemorate the official end of WWII, and will continue through November 11, 2015, in honor of Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, all WWII veterans are invited to a Victory Celebration Program at the World War Memorial Building in Bismarck on October 10, 2015, in conjunction with the 70th annual reunion of North Dakota's 164th Infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to identify the estimated 2,000 living heroes of WWII for the 2015 North Dakota WWII Victory Census, and recognize their service at local events and through newspaper and media coverage from September 2-November 11, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2-November 11, 2015, NORTH DAKOTA 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II VICTORY CELEBRATION, and October 10, 2015, NORTH DAKOTA 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II VICTORY RECOGNITION DAY in the state of North Dakota.

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Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger

Secretary of State